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Sir:

Pursuant to M.P.E.P. §609 and 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97-1.99, Applicants herewith submit form PTO-1449 (3 pages), which lists references which Applicants are aware of for this application. The Examiner is alerted to the fact that an English translation of the Korean publications, Refs. A1 - A5 and A8, and the Japanese publication, Ref. A10, are not readily available. Note, however, that an English abstract of each document is provided herewith as Refs. A6, A7, A11 - A15. Each English abstract has been stapled to it's corresponding foreign language reference.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists. While the term "references" is used in citing the documents called to the Examiner's attention herein, Applicants do not make any admission that each or all of them are "prior art" references within the meaning of the statutory and case law.

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Applicants also reserve the right to present appropriate arguments and/or evidence to establish patentability over the references, should one or more of the references be applied against the claims of the present application.

Applicants request that the Examiner independently determine those items which the Examiner would consider the most pertinent of all the references cited herein.

This Information Disclosure Statement is filed before the mailing of a first Office Action on the merits. Accordingly, this document complies with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b). It is respectfully requested that the references cited in the accompanying PTO-1449 Form be considered and made of record.

Respectfully submitted,

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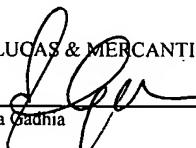
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A13	Korean Patent Abstracts, JANG, Seok Yun, et al. PATCH FOR WHITENING TEETH COMPRISING SEVERAL LAYERS, Application No. 10-2002-0034902, Filed June 21, 2002; Published January 06, 2003 under Publication No. 10-2003-0001297.		
A14	Korean Patent Abstracts, JANG, Seok Yun, et al., SOFT PATCH FOR WHITENING TEETH, Application No. 10-2001-0039851, Filed July 04, 2001; Published January 14, 2003 under Publication No. 10-2003-0003973.		
A15	Japanese Patent Abstracts, SUZUKI, Kunitomo, et al., Application No. JP19960188459 19960628, Patent No. JP10017448 published on January 20, 1998.		
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